

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re the Application of:

Brandt, Kevin S.
Gaines, Patrick J.
Stinchcomb, Dan T.
Wisnewski, Nancy

) Group Art Unit:

) Examiner:

) PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

#61A
Plunkett
7/22/02

Serial No.: Not Yet Assigned

Filed: November 19, 2001

Atty. File No.: FC-6-C4

For: "FLEA HEAD, NERVE CORD, HINDGUT
AND MALPIGHIAN TUBULE NUCLEIC
ACID MOLECULES, PROTEINS AND
USES THEREOF"

EXPRESS MAIL" MAILING LABEL NO. EL344801697US
DATE OF DEPOSIT: NOVEMBER 21, 2001

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS NEW APPLICATION
AND THE DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO AS ENCLOSED
HEREIN ARE BEING DEPOSITED WITH THE UNITED
STATES POSTAL SERVICE "EXPRESS MAIL POST
OFFICE TO ADDRESSEE" SERVICE UNDER 37 C.F.R.
1.10 ON THE DATE INDICATED ABOVE AND IS
ADDRESSED TO BOX PATENT APPLICATION,
COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS, WASHINGTON, DC
20231.

SIGNATURE: Susan Gordon
TYPED NAME: Susan Gordon

Box Patent Application

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to the initial review of the above-identified patent application by the Examiner,
please enter the following Preliminary Amendment.

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, please replace the paragraph entitled "Cross-Reference to Related
Applications" with the following paragraph --This application is a divisional of copending
U.S. Application Serial No. 09/543,668, filed April 7, 2000, which claims priority to
U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/128,704, filed April 9, 1999, each entitled

09991936 "112101
TOTT " 986660

AI